

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appellants: Jeffrey Hubbell, Jason Schense, Andreas Zisch, and Heike Hall

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**REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

Sir:

This is a Reply to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer mailed January 7, 2010, in the above-referenced application. A Reply Brief and a Request for Oral Hearing were previously filed on December 8, 2008 along with the required fee for Requesting an Oral Hearing.

It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

The Supplemental Examiner's Answer merely removes an erroneous rejection over the claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,894,022, which was listed in the Examiner's Answer mailed October 8, 2008. The remainder of the Supplemental Examiner's Answer is identical to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 8, 2008.

Appellants affirm all of the arguments made in the Appeal Brief filed May 22, 2008 and the Reply Brief filed December 8, 2008.

Appellants respectfully request that this case be returned to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference to prevent further delay in the Appeal proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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